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# SIXTEEN KILLED IN WRECK IN TUNNEL UNDER NEW YORK CITY.

Fearful Disaster This Morning in Heart of Metropolis, Below the Level of the Street.

### ONE SUBURBAN TRAIN PLOWS THROUGH ANOTHER

Engine Splits Open Ceach in Front, and Crushes Passengers Therein.

Most of the Victims Were Quietly Reading the Morning Papers, When the Locomotive Burst Through the Rear End of the Car and Ground Them Inderwheel. Besides Those Killed an Unknown Number of People Were Hart.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- In the dark and and Hudson River Rallroad at a point firemen soon penetrated the telescope near Fifty-sixth Street, a horrifying accident occurred at 8:20 o'clock this morning. Two passenger trains came in rearend collision and the lives of sixteen persons were crushed out in a twinkling. and some two score persons sustained injuries. In the confusion that followed the disaster no account was kept of the bodies recovered or the injured removed to hospitals, and therefore the exact number of casualties remained in doubt

List of the Dend.

The list of dead, as far as known, is: A. G. WALTON, and H. G. DIAMOND, of New Rochelle, N. Y. A. E. MILLS, 193 Broadway, New York. OSCAR WEYMROCH, an aged optician of this

FRANK WASHBURN, aged 42, New Rochelle

H. B. FOSKETT, New Rochelle, N. Y.
E. C. HENSDALE., New Rochelle, N. Y.
WILLIM LEYS, New Rochelle, N. Y.
F.-H. FOGARDO, New Rochelle, N. Y.
WILLIAM FORBES, New Rochelle, N. Y.
WILLIAM HOWARD, New Rochelle, N. Y. A. M. PERIN, New Rochelle, N. Y.

List of Injured.

A partial list of the injuied is: Sadie Scott, stenographer, New Rochelle, legs crushed; Minnie Wright, stenographer. New Rochelle, internal injuries; George Carter, New Rochelle, scalded arms and leg fractured; Everett Coffin, New Rochelle; R. H. Molineux, New Rochelle, fractured thigh, cut about head; E. W. Fearing, New Rochelle, fingers ed, dislocated shoulder, cut about head: Mabel Newman, New Rochelle internal injuries, bruised and cut; Margaret Langdon, New Rochelle, badiy injured. Victims Were Commuters.

In the early morning hours of a weekday a procession of passenger trains roll through the hazy tunnel to Grand Central depot at Forty-second Street. A great majority of these trains are specials run from points in New York and Connecticut for the benefit of persons who reside in these suburban places and are employed

It was two of these arcommodation trains that met with disaster this morning. They were heavily laden. The Norwalk local from Norwalk, Conn., was approaching the Grand Central depot slowly. The passengers were engaged in reading papers, while some were preparing to leave the train. It was dark and Conductor Blackman, of the Danbury local, sent a brakeman named Barnum back to the rear ceach to set a signal light to

Engine Plows Through Car.

Suddenly without a moment's warning there came a crash of splintering timbers, and the roar of escaping steam. The rear coach of the Norwalk train had been telescoped by engine 1018, hauling the White Plains local of the New York and Harlem road. The big locomotive plowed half way through the length of the coach, mangling the passengers, who had not time to leave their seats.

The noise was heard in Park Avenue through which the tunnel runs, and crowds rushed to the opening at the top of the tunnel and looked down upon horrible speciacle. The White Flains engine was wedged in the rear coach of the wrecked. The smoke stack of the Ibec motive, issuing a volume of smoke and tion.

steam, poked through the roof of the ar. The second car from the rear was also badly smashed.

Victims Shrick Aloud.

Above the roar of steam could be hear he groans of the injured and terrific OCCURRED WITHOUT WARNING. both trains. The police reserves and several companies of firemen were soon on om the uptown hospitals.

The tunnel rapidly filled with smoke d steam and the work of rescue was one under difficulties which seemed for time insurmountable. The firemen low red ladders into the tunnel through the pening on Park Avenue and descended. Every mement it was feared the tele coped engine night explode. Steam was hissing all about the mass of wreckage, but the firemen had no heed of danger dismal tunnel of the New York Central Swinging their axes like madmen the

A Terrible Spectacle.

In the forward end lay a mass of mangled and bleeding humanity. There were probably forty persons there, and considering their frightful position it seems marvelous that all had not met death before the rescuers arrived. Splintered timbers, broken car seats and other victims, many of whom were caught and held as if in a vice. The living were struggling desperately to extricate themelves and crying piteously for aid. All had the impression that they would soon be caught by flames which threatened to reak out at any moment in the firebox

Corpses Lay About.

The dead lay all about, entangled in the wreckage. Blood from their wounds poured out and ran in a stream to the racks, where it formed a pool.

The work of rescue was slow. The ead and injured were extricated and taken out as they were reached. Along the tracks were laid the bodies of the lead, covered by oilskins brought by the firemen. There were places in the wrecked car where it was impossible for the firemen to go. Ropes were lowered to these places from the street and eagerly grasped by the injured pinioned there. One man tied a rope about his waist and cried to the firemen above: "Pull slowly, My leg is caught."-The firemen started to obey, when they were stopped by the injured man, who then feil back, uncon sclous. One fireman lowered himself down the rope and with an ax cut away the timber. The injured man was then draws to the street, and it was found that his entire left leg had been crushed flat He had also been horribly burned by

All the injured taken from the telescoped car were scalded, cut, bruised, and

Less Horrible Conditions.

In the car ahead of the one telesco he conditions were less horrible. Only one man was killed in this car. Sadie jured, were in this ear. The floor of the ear had split and both women had dropped into the opening, which had closed upon nearly an hour, during which time they pleaded for help. The body of the deastruck by flying timber and instantly killed. When the young women were released finally, it was found that their legs had been horribly crushed.

At 10:45 o'clock the debris had been cleared away, the injured placed in hos pitals, and fourteen dead removed to

Cause of Wreck Unknown.

The cause of the dreadful disaster et to be determined. The engineer of the White Plains train said he saw n lights ahead of him, and, in the darkness of the tunnel he was unaware of the pres ence of the Norwalk train.

The conductor of the latter train equally certain that warning lights had Engineer Wisker, of the Norwalk train,

is under arrest.

formed of the accident, declared that Norwalk local. This car was badly be regarded it as an appalling thing, and

### IMPORTANT NOMINATIONS.

The Two New Cabinet Officers in List Sent to Senate.

The President today sent to the Senate large number of nominations, including Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, to be Secre-

ary of the Treasury. Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, to be

ostmaster General. John R. A. Crossland, of Missouri, to e Minister Resident and Consul General

the United States at Liberia. Conrad N. Jordan, to be Assistant reasurer at New York, George W. Vhitehead, to be Appraiser of Merchandise in the District of New York.

To be collector of internal revenue iohn E. McCall, of Tennessee, for the Fifth district of Tennessee.

#### DATE FOR CUBAN HEARINGS.

rocal Relations January 15.

Means today approved the announcement made by Chairman Payne to the effect that he had arranged for a hearing on the subject of reciprocal relations with Cuba n Wednesday, January 15, at 10 a.m. It was the unanimous desire of the con mittee that those who wish to be hear ppear not before January 15 and no 'ter February 1, and that they limit hemselves to statements of fact rather than of opinion.

The committee today also authorize avorable report on the Payne resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Interna Revenue to return bank checks, drafts Revenue to return bank checks, drafts, certificates of deposit, and orders for the payment of money, having imprinted stamps thereon, to the owners thereof, the law requiring these stamps to be affixed as a war revenue measure having been repealed, to take effect July 1, 1901.

They also approved the Payne bill changing the conditions for the redemption of decumentary and proprietary. tion of documentary and propriets stamps, issued under the war reven act, by allowing "edemption of same within two years after the passage of the repeal act, rather than two years from the toe of the purchase of the stamps.

#### INVITED BY THE CLOVER CLUB.

The President Much Pleased, But Says He Cannot Accept.

The President was today invited to th innual banquet of the famous Clove Club in Philadelphia on January 16. The invitation was extended by Messra, B. K. Jamison and William Jackson, of Philadelphia, who were escorted to the Whit House by Senator Penrose and Repre

sentative Bingham of Pennsylvania.

The President will not be able to attend the dinner, but he expressed great pleasure at having been invited and replacement itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and that the French Government itself would have to be negligible and gret at his inability to attend,

Made by the French

Agent.

President of the Isthmian Canal Commis

othing to give out for publication.

NIEUCHWANG FIGHT.

OFFICIALS CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

UNEASY OVER THE

## LOWER PRICE FOR PANAMA.

Senators Expect a Further Reduction of Offer.

RECKONING ON ACTUAL VALUES.

Commissions on Sale of Property to Be Charged Against Owners, Doubt of Company's Ability to Assure Perfect Title to the Concesslons and Improvements.

Talk among Senators, members of the canal Committee, and outside, is to the effect that it may be possible to secure the Panama Canal for a smaller price set is \$25,000,000. They point out if the French company is willing, as has been evidenced, to drop from \$199,900,000 to \$40,000,000, it is probable it has yet another price at which it would be ready

Promoters to Pay Charges

It is also pointed out that the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission estiates the present value to the United States of the Panama Canal property at 35,000,000, to which is added an indefinite pantity, under the head of commissions, making the total \$40,000,000. It is stated that if the French people have any commissions to pay in transferring their rights and property to the United States they form a charge that should come out of their pockets, and should not be paid

The value of the canal is therefore re-luced in the minds of Senators to \$35,000,-00, and they think that this sum can be reduced and the property secured for \$25, 000,000, at which they say it is very probwilling purchaser providing title and ther considerations were proved all

Perfect Title Doubted.

question of the ability of the French company to trausier a periect tile to the United States is a very imporant one and is the principal cause of op- Mr. Murray Vandiver, of Harford county, position of Senator Morgan and Repreentative Hepburn, the chief Nicaragua dvecates in the two houses of Congress. today.

Panama Canal Company's offer, the soone

we do so the better. For my part, I wish

the whole matter was dropped. As it ap

pears to me, it is almost a certainty tha

Ask President to Act.

Although neither of the visitors would

No Formal Offer of Sale Yet been done. If we are to consider the

M. Eduardo Lampre, Secretary-General Representative Hepburn's bill favoring the

of the Panama Canal Company, was pre- Nicaraguan route will be passed by a

sented to President Roosevelt this morn- large majority, and with few or no

The Panama agent spent about five min- admit such to be the fact, it is understood

time the whole matter was laid before the President the terms upon which the

utes with the President. During that that M. Lampre, in placing before the

Times reporter, but stated that he had matter to Congress.

#### HEMP ENQUIRY REPORT READY. Rumored That Heistand Is Exoner

ated and Hawks Discredited. A meeling of the Senate Committee o Military Affairs will be held tomorrow, at which it is expected the report of the subommittee which investigated the charge against Lieut. Col. H. O. S. Heistand will be submitted.

It is understood that the report will be in exoneration of Colonel Heistand of any intentional wrongdoing in connection with the alleged combination to control the output of hemp from the Philippines, bu it is said that it will also contain a warn ing to all army and navy officers agains engaging in any business enterprise which might in any way come before them in their official capacity.

The report has been prepared by Senaor Cockrell, the Democratic leader on the ommitiee, and will, it is said, discredi Major Erastus L. Hawks, who preferred the charges against Colonel Heistand.

### A CONTESTED ELECTION CASE,

Hearings Begun in the Moss-Rhes Kentucky Contention.

Elections Committee No. 1, Representa tive Tayler of Ohio, chairman, heard arguments this morning in the contested sentative John F. Rhea of the Third Con gressional district of Kentucky. Mr. Mos Mr. Rhea appeared in his own behalf.

The contention of Mr. DuBose was that the Kentucky ballot law is defective in that it requires the cross on the inside of the ballot to be marked with ink and when the ballot was folded the imprint of the cross would be made in another circle and the ballot would then be thrown out. It is claimed that enough of such ballots were thrown out to change the

ess until 1:30 o'clock, when Representative Rhea presented his side of the case

#### TO NOMINATE GORMAN.

Maryland Democratic Legislators to Caucus Tonight.

STATE HOUSE, Annapolis, Md., Jan. 8. The Democratic majority of both houses f the Maryland Legislature will caucus tonight for a nominee for United States Senator and State Treasurer. It is expected that Arthur P. Gorman will receive a majority for Senator, and

there will probably be no opposition to for re-election as State Treasurer No Alliance With Great Britain,

Monroe Doctrine. The Hay-Pauncefote compact, he said, M. LAMPRE TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT

able rivals and everlasting foes," he de-

ABOUT PURCHASE OF PANAMA CANAL. he would support it.

As to Selection of Route. said Admiral Walker, "for nothing has Admiral Walker Says Hep-

een given to the selection of a route, hours. and he gave notice that he would at the While not committing himself abso-

# WANTS CANAL BILL PASSED TO THE TUNE OF "HAIL COLUMBIA."

Representative Shackleford Objects to Any Alliance With Great Britain.

### DEMANDS STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF MONROE DOCTRINE

Democratic Member From Missouri Says He Will Support the Bill.

#### THINKS COST UNDERESTIMATED.

Numerous Questions Were Hurled at fusion, in the Midst of Which Mr. looked his slip. Capron, in the Chair, Says: "The Meeting Will Please Be in Order."

Sentiment in the House today is strongly in favor of giving consideration to the offer of the Panama Canal Company to

Indications are that the amendment ofered by Representative Morris yesterday, o leave the selection of the route to the President or the Isthmian Canal Comnission will be adopted by the House. Notices of several similar amendments

vere given today and they were advocated by all of the speakers, including Repre- be bona fide, and not a scheme of the entatives Shackleford, Parker, Lovering,

Mr. Shaekleford Speaks,

Immediately after the reading of the ournal this morning the House took up again the consideration of the Isthmian Canal bill in Committee of the Whole. Representative Shackleford (Dem., Mo.) took the floor in support of the measure He began by saying that he had voted against the Nicaragua Canal bill at the last session and explained his action on the ground that it did not provide for

He objected to any alliance with Great Britain in building the waterway, and was in favor of strictly enforcing the

was an acknowledgment that we dare not proceed without first consulting Great "Our Anglo-Saxon cousins are formid-

Mr. Shackleford said he did not believe left to the discretion of the President.

any canal could be built within the estimates. He thought a sea-level canal was possible, and that such a waterway should

Mr. Shackleford, and there was a great deal of confusion on the floor. Representative Morris asked that order be re-

#### Mr. Capron's Amusing Slip.

"The meeting will please be in order," shouted Mr. Capron, who occupied the the Speaker Causing Much Con- chair. In the confusion the House over-

> Continuing, Mr. Shackleford said at the last session the Nicaragua Canal bill was passed to the tune of "God Save the Queen." He wanted it passed now to the tune of that American anthem, "Hail Co-

Let President Select.

Mr. Shackleford said the selection of the sell its holdings to this Government for route should be left to the President. He argued that the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission was more favorable to the Panama route than to the Nicaraguan, and that the chief reason why it was not ended was on account of the cost,

Regards Panama Offer Genuine. Representative Lovering (Rep., Mass. L. ollowed Mr. Shackleford. He said the offer of the Panama company seemed to trans-continental railroads to defeat the canal. He favored the amendment of

Representative Morris to leave the secmajority of the Canal Commission Mr. Parker's Amendment. Representative Parker (Rep., N. 3.) spoke along the same line. He offered a further amendment that all reference to Nicaragua and Costa Rica be stricken out and that the President be authorized to acquire any territory obtainable for

the canal. He said such an amendment would aid rather than delay the canal. In answer to a question as to why Coness should shirk its duty and impose the burden of the choice of routes upon the President, Mr. Parker said that it was not the duty of Congress to determine the details of the route. He would give the President power to select, but would not bind him.

Compares the Routes.

Continuing he compared the advantages of the two routes. Nicaragua would require more locks and more embankment The treaty had been changed and the than Fanama, it would be longer, and in ill had been somewhat changed, and consequence the danger of passage while it was not all that could be desired, through it would be greater. Ships must go through by day. The Nicaraguan route would require thirty-three hours, or three He thought not enough attention had days, and the Panama way but twelve

proper time offer an amendment making lutely to the Panama route he said if that he selection of the route alternative, He property was to cost \$109,000,000 it was lid not think such action would cause de- | too much, but he thought the \$40,000,000 offer ought to have consideration, and be

# CONGRESS TIPPED FROM WHITE HOUSE TO KILL SCHLEY BILLS

The Naval Affairs Committee Advised to Prevent Action By the House.

Members of the House Committee on Naval Affairs have received a quiet but the Naval Committee, but so far has acemphatic "tip" from the White House complished nothing in the Schley matter that it will be useless for them to take toward satisfying the demands of the peoction upon any of the Schley resolutions

now before the committee. This advice has been given especially to the Republican members of the comlittee who, through being in the majority, on good authority that the word has come an issue in the next Congressional elecof the Schley resolutions are favorably sentatives will suffer. All of the memwith the disapproval of the President.

To Keep Bills Pigeonholed. Consequently it is an open secret that low the Schley matter to pass unnoticed. not one of the twenty or more resolutions | This warning has not come from politiaffecting Admiral Schley will ever see cal opponents so much as from political daylight. They are carefully tucked away friends. They realize that unless somein a pigeonhole fu Mr. Foss' desk and thing is done that the matter cannot be there they will remain unacted upon. | kept out of Maryland politics. Not all of the members of the commit-

ee are willing to submit to this course, but they have been informed that it would Maryland delegation are willing, their be impolitic for them to press the matter hands are tied. They realize the situato an issue as circumstances would oblige tion and know not what to do. The Naval the majority to defeat any plan to report Committee will not act. In fact, it has favorably a Schley resolution, which been advised not to act. There the matwould of course be another thrust at Ad- ter stands.

Meanwhile the Maryland delegation in come up for consideration,

White House.

There was considerable comment over the reception accorded Admiral Schley at the diplomatic reception at the White House last night.

ordially, and Mrs. Roosevelt departed in the Blue Room. ing and bowing at those who pass the portunity to shake his hand.

Congress, the entire membership of which is Republican, is in a sorry predicament. Their constituents are not only urging but demanding in tones which command attention that Congress shall take some action, at least to tender Admiral Schley, a vote of thanks.

Representative Mudd is a member of ple he represents.

May Become a Political Issue. Now comes the explicit declaration that unless the Maryland delegation, all being of the majority party, do something in the ontrol its decisions. In fact, it is stated | Schley matter, the question will be made direct to Chairman Foss that in case any tion, and that thereby all of the Reprereported and passed that they will meet bers of the delegation have been warned they must act, and not sit idly by and al-

> No Way Out of the Tangle, But if the hearts of the members of the

Representative Williams of Mississippi Representative Cummings is anxious to who offered the original Schley resoluorce the matter, but thoroughly realizes | tion, is expected to make an effort soon the situation, and knows that the friends to bring his proposition before the House, of Admiral Schley are in an uncomfort- but there seems to be little, if any, like-Hhood that the Speaker will allow it to

receiving line. But last night when Admiral and Mrs. Schley approached she His Popularity Demonstrated at the transferred the bouquet of flowers which she carried and shook hands with the admiral and his wife.

the East Room and was almost as great President Roosevelt greeted him most an attraction as the President had been

from her usual custom of merely bowing, and extended her hand to him.

For an hour he was, with Mrs. Schley, the centre of a large group. People shouland extended her hand to him.

She usually contents herself with smildered each other in order to get an op-

Immigration Authorities at question. New York Seriously Accused.

President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Treasury Gage have received a report this overflow averaged \$150 daily. Island, New York. For several months Secret@Service men have been quietly investigating the conditions at the station and the charges against Thomas S. Fit- the employes on Saturday, November 15 chie, the Commissioner of Immigration.

The Allegations Made. immigrants were subjected to many abuses; teat immoralities were practiced; that immigrants were detained unneces- edly to quiet Marks. sarily and made to work for the personal gain of those interested and that they

were subjected to many extortions. The report confirms what has been susfrom the immigrants, and it is understood | missal,

An allowance of thirty-five cents pe day a head is made to the contractor who has the catering privileges, and it is said that many immigrants were detained day after day unnecessarily so as to swell the account of the eaterer, whose profits from

which shows a startling condition of af- Again it is charged that immigrants fairs at the immigration station on Ellis were held and deported, although money for their railroad fare was sent to them by their friends in the West.

Secrets Divulged in Auger. There was a misunderstanding among when Samuel Marks, a deputy clerk, while enraged, made public charges agains Those making the charges say that the John Lederhill, the chief clerk, and other associates. The Secret Service agents overheard his statement. The repor states that other employes tried repent-

General Removals Expected.

Commissioner Fitchie is not held responsible for any connection with the abuses, but he is censured for not keeppected for some time, that many disorassistants. Fitchie, it is understood, will derly houses in New York and other cities be succeeded in office soon and all of his received a constant supply of inmates assistants are said to be slated for dis-

Prevailing Opinion Is That It Was the Outcome of Drunken Brawl, District Altorney Jerome, when he was Anxiously Awaiting Details From Commander Barry,

> No further information about the hosile clashes at Nieuchwang, China, beveen Russian soldiers and American sailthe State or Navy Departments. Naval officials are mystified as to the

Ground for Apprehension. It is admitted, however, that there is round or uneasiness in the fact that the assian Government through its Miniser at Pekin, regarded the matter as of

United States. In his message to the department Mr. onger did not furnish any detalis. A fuller report is expected by telegraph rom Commander E. B. Barry, of the to take steps to quell the disturbances,

SENATOR KEARNS' CANDIDATE. The Nome Judgeship Wanted If

Noves Is Dropped.

Senator Kearns of Utah wants Q. B. Hayes, of Ogden, appointed United States Judge at Nome, Alaska, in the event of vacancy in that office now held by Judge oyes, who was fined \$1,000 by the United tates Court of Appeals at San Francisco or contempt in connection with alleged enspiracy to seize mining lands in the Klondike, and against whom there stand harges in the Department of Justice.

been no developments in the Noyes case

"I cannot talk about the matter at "There is absolutely nothing to say," this stage," said M. Lampre in answer tice of the transaction. NEW POST FOR WILDES.

rights, and works to the United States.

Will Be Third in Command of the Asiatic Fieet. Rear Admiral Frank Wildes has been elected by the Secretary of the Navy as third in command of the United States FIGURING ON DEMOCRAT'S DEFEAT

fleet on the Asiatic station. He will leave the Pensacola Navy Yard, which he now commands, on January 27, and will sail from San Francisco on the steamship China on February 7. Admiral Wildes will relieve Rear Admiral Louis

MADE ANNUAL VISIT.

Senate and House Committees Call on Secretary of State. The members of the Foreign Relation

Committee of the Senate and Foreign Afern over it, although the prevailing fairs Committee of the House paid their pinion here is that it is the outcome of a annual visit of ceremony to the Secretary of State today. There was some talk about Isthmian Canal legislation.

Members of the House committee assured Secretary Hay that the Nicaragua

CONSIDERING ARMY BILL.

Probability That Estimates of \$99,-000,000 WIII Be Reduced. The House Committee on Military Afairs today began consideration of the

eral Greely for the Signal Corps, and

clonel Sniffen for the Pay Department

Secretary of War Root will be beard to-

Last year's Army Appropriation bill advocate of home rule, and opposed Belarried \$115,734,000. This year's bill, fol-289,060, and it seems likely that it will be reduced \$10,000,000 more. One of the provisions it per carries,

expended at the discretion of the President, will be eliminated. Last year the transportation of army and supplies cost Attorney General Knox said today after \$34,000,000. This year only \$30,000,000 is visit to the President that there had asked. The item for clothing and camp and

#### of the Commission had thus far been called to consider M. Lampre's offer of sale for \$40,000,000. He was unable to say when a meeting would be called. President Roosevelt teld one member

burn Bill Is Sure

to Pass.

to a direct question, "Before I say any

thing for publication I must lay the mat-

Admiral Walker said that no meeting

The Isthmian Commis

President in a general way, but no formal Panama Company will sell its franchise, of his Cabinet yesterday that unless the Admiral Walker was seen later by a strongly urged him to communicate the the French Government he would proba bly not send any message regarding it to

SAY BELMONT MEN.

KNIFED BY CROKER.

Candidate and Friends Are Today Busily Engaged in Finding Out "How It Hap-

pened."

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.-Montague Lessler the Republican candidate for Congress in the special election held in the Sevent district yesterday, won a decisive victor ponent, and Belmont and his friends wer busy today trying to figure out how i happened. Croker's grief over the defeat of Belmont did not seem today to be very poignant and Belmont's friends are mak-

The vote shows that Lessler's plurality over Belmont was 394, out of a total of Canal bill now pending would be passed 15,394 votes cast. The total registration was over 23,000, showing that less than 70 per cent of the voters went to the polls

Lessler's vote was 7,677, and Belmont'

The Manhaitan districts went for Bel-

Lessler's Plurality 394,

mont, but even there the falling off was decidedly noticeable. The three election districts of the Second Assembly district, Foley Supported Belmont, Although Tom Foley, the leader of the

lowing the estimates, carries only \$99,- ors in support of the Democratic candidate.
The adherents of O'Grady on States sland said today that had he been the candidate he would have carried the isl-and with a greater majority than Muller \$1,000,000, for an emergency fund to be ild in 1900 instead of losing it by 2,202

This may lead to a change in the tunnel which has long been considered dangerous as well as unhealthful. as yet. Mr. Knox had been talking over garrison equipage has been reduced garing the dieaster at the Grand Central from \$8.000,000 to \$5.000,000. Coroner Scholer is personally investi-

Second Assembly district, was an open GREETED SCHLEY CORDIALLY. mont's nomination, he carried off the hor